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Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully petitions for a three-month extension of time to reset the deadline for filing of a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application from November 30, 1998 to and including February 28, 1999. As February 28, 1999 is a Sunday, the present response is timely filed with Certificate of Mailing on or before March 1, 1999. Applicants' Response to the Office Action is enclosed herewith.

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